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Government call for information from the District Collectors and also issue a press communique to that effect for the information of the public? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" It is a complex question, but I can only give a simple answer. I shall see what is it all about."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" In view of the fact that the landless poor people are put to great difficulties, may I know whether the Government will issue orders to the effect that these people are not disturbed by the political sufferers? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I cannot issue orders, but I do sympathise as much as the other hon. Member. Wherever it is legal and feasible, it will be looked into."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" In view of the fact that about 80 persons—Harijans and other poor people—have been arrested in Bapatla taluk, will the Government give us an assurance that in the matter of giving lands to the landless people, they will help these Harijans and other poor landless people and not the political sufferers? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The hon. Member need not advise me on that. We are already on it."

Admission to medical colleges.

* 296 *Q.*—SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have appointed any Committee for medical colleges to select students for admission;

(*b*) if the answer for the above is in the affirmative, whether the Government have issued detailed instructions to the Committee to be followed in the method of selecting students;

(*c*) whether the Government have changed or modified the instructions in force last year;

(*d*) if so, what are the reasons for the same; and

(*e*) whether the Government have issued any percentage of seats for girl students belonging to the backward and scheduled classes within the 20 per cent issued for girls in the Medical Colleges?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*b*) The rules and orders of Government embodying certain principles in the matter of selection of candidates have been made available to the Committee.

" (*c*) & (*d*) The reservation of seats for discretionary allotment by Government has been discontinued this year. Except for this, admissions to the medical colleges will be on the same lines as in 1951–52.

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"(e) Twenty per cent of the number of seats available including those reserved for scheduled castes and tribes and backward classes shall be reserved for women irrespective of the communities to which they belong. This reservation will be kept in view by the Committee in making selections to the seats reserved for the scheduled castes and tribes and the backward classes."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" In view of the answer given to sub-clause (e) of the main question, and in view of the fact that the girl students belonging to backward communities and scheduled castes cannot be expected to compete with those coming from other communities, will the Government consider the necessity for reserving some seats for girl students coming from backward communities and scheduled castes? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Among the girl students selected, there are girls belonging to backward communities also."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Are there any members in the Selection Committee, who belong to the Harijan and backward communities? If not, will the Government consider the advisability of including members coming from these communities also in the Selection Committee? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There is no communal representation in regard to the members of the Committee. People who are considered best qualified for selecting candidates are selected."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" May I know whether it is a fact that last year out of a total of 500 marks allotted to non-Brahman candidates, 250 marks were allotted for examination and the other 250 marks for extra-curricular activities, while this year 200 marks out of a total of 250 have been set apart for examination results and only 50 marks for extra-curricular activities? If it is a fact, will it not defeat the very purpose of their scheme to give fair representation to the backward community students? Already there is widespread apprehension that because this Ministry has come into power, the backward community people and other non-Brahmans will not get fair representation. May I know whether the Hon. Minister will give a categorical assurance that there will be no room for this fear? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I do not know why there is such an apprehension. I have already replied what has been done in the matter of selection. This year, one important change is the reservation of seats for discretionary allotment by Government has been discontinued."

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" May I know how many seats have been reserved for the students coming from Malabar, as there is no medical college in Malabar? "

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"Seats are reserved on the basis of population. Malabar and South Kanara get 11·4 per cent of the seats."

SRI S. T. ADITYAN :—" May I know how many marks were allotted for extra-curricular activities this year and how many marks were allotted for the same last year? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The interview marks this year for extra-curricular activities are 50. Last year no marks were assigned for this purpose and it was left to the Committee's discretion."

SRI LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI :—" May I know how many girl students from Rayalaseema applied for and obtained admission in this year and last year? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I have no information about the number of girl students who applied from Rayalaseema."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Do the Government strictly follow the principle of adjusting *inter se* the 25 per cent and the 15 per cent allotted to the backward communities and the Harijans in case there was shortage in one or the other? That is, if there are not sufficient number of candidates in one of the communities, is adjustment made by taking from the other community and thus filling up the seats? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There is no lack of candidates from the backward communities. It will be easy to get the 25 per cent."

SRI K. V. VEMA REDDY :—" In view of the fact that there is the rule of merit in the matter of admission of boys and girls to the professional colleges, including the Medical College, and in view of the fact that those coming from the backward regions cannot compete with others coming from developed districts, who are intellectually superior on account of heritage of learning and better environments, will the Hon. the Minister for Health consider the advisability of relaxing the rules of admission so as to permit selection being made on a regional basis? " 8-50 a.m.

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir. Selection is made on a percentage basis from coastal Andhra districts, from Rayalaseema, from Tamil districts and from the West Coast."

Use of sea water for agricultural purposes.

* 297 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government have directed any research on—

(*a*) the possibility of the use of sea water for agriculture especially coconut ; and